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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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FROM:

Deputy to the DCI for Resource Management

SUBJECT:

Designation of Chairman for the Nuclear Test  
Monitoring Working Group

REFERENCE:

Management Plan for Nuclear Test Monitoring and  
Test Ban Implementation dated January 1978

1. Action Requested: That you resolve the policy issue regarding the relative organizational emphasis to be placed on the Nuclear Test Monitoring Working Group (NTMWG) and direct that the necessary implementation actions be taken. Substantive differences between D/DCI/RM and D/DCI/NI are set forth below.

2. Background:

a. The scope of responsibilities of the Working Group are illustrated in the attached draft (Attachment 1) of the Working Group's charter. It is anticipated that among the first acts of the Chairman and the NTMWG will be the final development of the charter for formal presentation to the NFIB and to the DCI for approval.

b. There are some similarities and some significant differences between the SALT monitoring, negotiation and verification relationships and those of the CTBT (Attachment 2):

SALT

- bilateral character
- continuing negotiation process
- functionally aligns within the purview of the NIO for Strategic Programs (NIO/SP)

CTBT

- international character
- essentially a one-time negotiation
- functionally aligns within the purview of both the NIO/SP and the NIO for Nuclear Proliferation (NIO/NP)

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- employs a Joint Consultative Commission (JCC)
- has no international (multilateral) activities concerns
- has a Steering Group (composed of the D/DCI/NI, DD/NFAC, DIA, State/INR)
- the executive secretariat of the Steering Group serves as the coordinating hub of all SALT related activities
- may require a JCC and an International Consultative Commission (ICC)
- includes an open, non-intelligence international (multilateral) activities element
- NFIB acts in a steering group capacity
- the executive secretariat of the NTM Working Group will serve as the focus of all CTBT related activities

c. The Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee (JAEIC) and the NTM Working Group relationship is defined in the reference plan. Essentially, they are co-equal and independent in substantive matters and collaborative on resource and requirements issues.

3. Staff Position: There are two issues on which D/DCI/RM and D/DCI/NI disagree:

- Whether the position of Chairman of the Monitoring Working Group should be full time or in addition to other duties; and
- The selection of the Chairman.

a. The Resource Management Staff recommends the appointment of a full-time Chairman of the Monitoring Working Group for a period of one year. The Chairman would provide strong and concentrated leadership to the Community during a period in which CTBT and related issues are certain to receive increased priority by the Administration. At the end of one year, the Resource Management Staff, in coordination with the Monitoring Group Chairman and D/DCI/NI, would reexamine the Community's management of nuclear test monitoring and the implementation of the nuclear test ban.

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b. The D/DCI/NI believes that the Chairmanship does not represent a full-time job. They argue that, for the present, a Chairman who is technically well-versed and familiar with the test detection community can handle the job as an adjunct to his regular duties. If in the future demands become excessive, they would shift the Chairman to a full-time capacity.

c. There is agreement that the Chairman should be assigned administratively to the D/NFAC for staff support, and situated so as to permit close interaction with the Nuclear Energy Division, OSI/NFAC.

d. With respect to the individual to serve as Chairman, the D/DCI/RM believes that the DCI should make the selection. Three nominees are presented in Attachment 3, together with a recommendation. D/DCI/NI recommends that he be authorized to make the selection, from among personnel now serving in the NFAC staff.

4. Recommendation: Sign one of the two alternative memoranda to the D/DCI/NI which reflects your decision.

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Attachments:

1. Draft, Working Group's Charter
2. Nuclear Test Monitoring and Verification Relationships
3. List, Candidates for Chmn, NTMWG
4. Biography,
5. Alternative Memos for DCI Signature

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